

DC Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting  
Wednesday, January 9, 2002, 6:30 pm  
One Judiciary Square  
Room 1030

## **MINUTES**

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the BAC's December 18, 2001 meeting were read and approved

### **Approval of BAC By-Laws**

The BAC was presented with by-laws drafted by the ad hoc By-Laws Committee. Minor changes were made to the language of the by-laws. Under the Committees section, the original five committees were conflated to three committees -- Safety, Enforcement and Education; Bicycle Facilities; and Legislative Affairs. Language was added to ensure that proper and timely public notification is given for all meetings of the BAC and its committees. Harry Jaffe moved that the BAC approve the by-laws, and was seconded by Dan Barry. The by-laws of the BAC were accepted by unanimous vote.

### **Election of Officers**

Volunteers were solicited from the membership of the BAC to fill the positions of Chair and Secretary. Amy Nevel volunteered to serve as Chair, and Dan Barry volunteered to serve as Secretary. Harry Jaffe moved to accept these nominations, and Dan Barry seconded. Nevel and Barry were unanimously voted to their respective positions.

### **Program Activities Update**

Bicycle Coordinator Jim Sebastian provided an overview of the current program activities of the BAC, which were listed in a handout provided at the meeting.

- \* A consultant has been chosen for the Master Plan Update, and negotiations are being conducted concerning the scope and price.
- \* The Bicycle Advisory Committee has been reformed, has held two meetings and is in full swing
- \* A study concerning right-of-way issues surrounding the Metropolitan Branch Trail is being conducted
- \* More than 80 bike racks have been installed in the city
- \* Installation of bike lanes on city streets lags. Rudi Schreiber asked about the possibility of installing special rush-hour lanes. Jim Sebastian indicated that such lanes have been considered

but that there are complications that make rush-hour lanes impractical. Another option mentioned by Jim Sebastian was the installation of special bus/bike lanes on some streets

\* The bicycle and pedestrian "crash report" has been researched and drafted, but needs finalization before it can be published and released.

\* An updated bicycle trail and route map is being produced as a part of the DC bicycle Master Plan.

\* Jim Sebastian has been reviewing elements of the DC Budget as they related to bicycle transportation issues. This work will continue as the budget is shaped and finalized

Committee members and members of the public discussed the DC Budget process, and elements within the budget that relate to bicycle transportation. Amy Nevel wanted to know how to look at the budget in ways that could afford the BAC opportunities to assist Jim Sebastian in advocating for bicycle spending.

A member of the public inquired about funding for maintenance of bicycle facilities that would ensure that investments made in capitol improvement projects would be long-lived.

Harry Jaffe asked for specific ways in which the BAC could provide direct input into the budget deliberations.

### **Scope of Work for Master Plan**

Due to the late hour, this discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

### **Agenda for next meeting**

The next meeting date was set for March 6, 2002. The location of the meeting will be determined. The agenda for the 3-6-02 meeting will include:

- the formation of the three standing committees
- a review of the scope of work for the master plan
- discussion of the City Council budget cycle and opportunities for advocating for bicycle priorities
- an opportunity to meet with Ward Transportation Planners to discuss coordination of efforts.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm on a motion by Dan Barry and a second by Lisa Martin.